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TAPS TO BE PLAYED AT THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA VETERANS CEMETERY IN IGO, CALIFORNIA, ON ARMED FORCES DAY

EVENT: The California Department of Veterans Affairs and the Northern California Veterans Cemetery Support Committee are sponsoring the playing of Taps as participants in the EchoTaps Worldwide program. This is in conjunction with the playing of Taps across the nation in honor of veterans. Approximately 12 participants have signed up to play Taps at the Northern California Veterans Cemetery tomorrow.

DATE: Saturday, May 19, 2007

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: Northern California Veterans Cemetery
11800 Gas Point Road
Igo, CA 96047
Thomas Bros. California Guide: 18:B3

WHO: Representatives from the California Department of Veterans Affairs
Local elected officials
Representatives from Veterans Service Organizations

CONTACT: Steve Jorgensen, Cemetery Administrator
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BACKGROUND: The Northern California Veterans Cemetery is intended to be a dignified final resting place for California's veterans of the armed services, their spouse and eligible dependents. It has been designed to provide a place of meditation and quiet contemplation for veterans, their families and friends.

In May of 2005 an event called EchoTaps was performed in upstate New York in which 674 brass players from 30 states lined the roadways between the Woodlawn National Cemetery and the Bath National Cemetery, a distance of 42.2 miles, to play a cascading rendition of '*Taps*' for our veterans. This tribute to our American military was recognized by the Veterans Administration as a powerful and unique way to demonstrate our nation's deep gratitude to those who, in times of war and peace, have faithfully defended

our country. www.echotaps.org/index.htm

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